economic situation in other FDI destinations play a major role. As per extant policy, FDI upto 100% under the automatic route, is allowed in most sectors/activities. The policy on FDI is also reviewed on a continuing basis with a view to rationalization/liberalization of the policy as warranted.

(b) No, Sir.

Preservation of monuments

2356. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to preserve Forts in distant States especially in Maharashtra, and Rajasthan as tourist centres; and

(b) if so, which are the historical forts selected for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for the conservation, preservation and maintenance of ancient monuments, archaeological sites and remains including forts, which are declared as of national importance under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. 45 Forts in Maharashtra and 8 in Rajasthan are declared as of national importance as per details given in the Statement.

Statement

List of Centrally protected Forts in Maharashtra and Rajasthan

Sl.No.	Name of Forts/Fortress	Location	District
1	2	3	4
Maharashtra (Aurangabad Circle)			
1.	Balapur Fort	Balapur	Akola
2.	Narnala Fort	Narnala	Akola
3.	Gavilgarh Fort	Chikalda	Amravati
4.	Daulatabad Fort	Daulatabad	Aurangabad
5.	Fort	Pratapgarh	Bhandara
6.	All the remains of the circumambulation will of Pauni Fort	Pauni	Bhandara
7.	Fort Wall	Ballapur	Chandrapur
8.	Fort	Bhandak	Chandrapur
9.	Fort Wall	Chandrapur	Chandrapur

1	2	3	4
10.	Remains of an old Fort	Mahadwari	Chandrapur
11.	Fortress of Tipagarh	Murmagaon	Gadchiroli
12.	Fort wall	Wairagarh	Gadchiroli
13	Remains of an old Fort on the hill	Biwargarh	Nagpur
14.	Fort	Dongartal	Nagpur
15.	Fort	Paunar	Wardha
Mumbai Circle			
16.	Panhala Fort	Panhala	Kohlapur
17.	Sion Fort	Sion	Mumbai
18.	Songad	Achloli	Raigad
19.	Hirakota Old Fort	Alibag	Raigad
20.	Kolaba Fort	Alibag	Raigad
21.	Birwadi Fort	Birwadi	Raigad
22.	Ghereagad or Surgad Fort	Ghera Surgad	Raigad
23.	Ghosalgad Fort	Ghosala	Raigad
24.	Old Fort, Kadasari	Kangori	Raigad
25.	Raigad Fort	Kadasari Lingana	Raigad
26.	Old Fort	Korlai	Raigad
27.	Awchitgad	Medhe	Raigad
28.	Kasa (Kamsa) Fort	Murud	Raigad
29.	Kotali Fort	Peth	Raigad
30.	Janjira Fort	Rajapuri	Raigad
31.	Fort of Raigad	Raigad	Raigad
32.	Tala Fort	Tala	Raigad
33.	Fort	Rajmachi	Pune
34.	Fort	Visapur	Pune
35.	Fort of Shivneri	Junnar	Pune
36.	Lohagad Fort	Lohagad	Pune
37.	Suvarnadurga	Harnai	Ratnagiri

1	2	3	4
38.	Jaygad Fort	Jaygad	Ratnagiri
39.	Vijaydurg	Vijaydurg	Ratnagiri
40.	Aurangazeb's Fort	Machnur	Sholapur
41.	Old Fort	Sholapur	Sholapur
42.	Sindhdurg	Malvan	Sindhdurg
43.	Fort	Arnala	Thane
44.	Fort and Portugueses remains	Bassein	Thane
45.	Mahuli Fort	Mahuli	Thane
Rajasthan (Jaipur Circle)			
1.	Fort of Chittaur as a whole	Chittaur	Chittaurgarh
2.	Fort Bhatner	Hanumangarh	Hanumangarh
3.	Fort including Ancient Temples	Jaisalmer	Jaisalmer
4.	Fort	Mandore	Jodhpur
5.	Ranthambhor Fort	Ranthambhor	Sawai Madhopur
6.	Delhi Gate outside the Bharatpur Fort.	Bharatpur	Bharatpur
7.	Fort of Kumbhalgarh as a whole	Kumbhalgarh	Rajasamand
8.	Shergarh Fort	Dholpur	Dholpur

Malayalam as a classical language

2357. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority of Kerala had presented its view that Malayalam language is to be considered for recognition as a "classical language" and required an equal treatment with its sister language of its family;

(b) if so, the action taken, if any;

(c) whether steps will be taken to constitute a committee of experts to examine the above claim of Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir. No such view has been presented to Government of India by competent authority of Kerala Government.